Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A user equipment (UE) for transmitting signals employing a CDMA technique, comprising:

means for combining a plurality of spread spectrum data signals;

means for measuring a characteristic of ~~the~~ an first output of said combining means for a given time period; and

means for adaptively limiting ~~an~~ the first output of ~~the~~ said combining means responsive at least partially to ~~an~~ a second output of said measuring means;

wherein said measuring means has processing means for determining a standard deviation of said output and said adaptive limiting means limits said output to a given power level based in part on the determined standard deviation and said processing means disables said adaptive limiting means during transmission of short codes.

2.   (Canceled).

3.   (Canceled).

4.   (Canceled).

5.   (Canceled).

6.   (Canceled).

7.   (Canceled).

8.   (Canceled).

9.   (Currently Amended) The UE of claim 1 8 wherein a the calculated power level is twice as great as a standard deviation.

10.   (Currently Amended) The UE of claim 1 8 wherein a the calculated power level is at least one standard deviation.

11.   (Currently Amended) The UE of claim 1 8 wherein said processing mean disables said adaptive limiting means when a number of active users reaches a given value.

12.   (Canceled).

13.   (Currently Amended) The UE of claim 1 further comprising a modulator for modulating said first output to produce an RF signal and an amplifier for amplifying the RF signal prior to transmission, said measuring means determining a power level of said first output; wherein a gain of said amplifier is adjusted by a processing means in response to a the calculated power level and stored gain characteristics of said amplifier.